

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, 10 and 13 to 18 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image capture device comprising:
an image capture unit adapted to capture an image;
~~an~~ a specific information generation unit adapted to generate specific information ~~relating to~~ for image data of the captured image;
a recording unit adapted to record the image data and the specific information on a recording medium, the image data and the specific information are recorded on different areas of the recording medium;
a reproducing unit adapted to reproduce the image data and the specific information from the different areas of the recording medium; ~~and~~
an embedding unit adapted to embed the specific information reproduced from the recording medium into the image data reproduced from the recording medium using a digital watermarking technique[[,]] ; ~~and~~
~~wherein, when~~ a control unit adapted to provide the specific information reproduced from the recording medium and the image data reproduced from the recording medium to the embedding unit if a first process is selected by a user, ~~the embedding unit embeds the specific information into the image data, and~~ avoid providing the specific information reproduced from the recording medium and the image data reproduced from the recording medium to the embedding unit if a second process is selected by the user

~~when a second process is selected by the user, the embedding unit avoids embedding the specific information into the image data.~~

2. (Previously Presented) An image capture device according to claim 1, further comprising a decompressing unit adapted to decompress the image data reproduced from the recording medium,

wherein the embedding unit is adapted to embed the specific information into the image data decompressed by the decompressing unit.

3. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for use~~ used in an image capture device, the method comprising the steps of:

~~a step of~~ capturing an image;

~~an information generation step of~~ generating specific information ~~relating to~~ for image data of the captured image;

~~a step of~~ recording the image data and the specific information on a recording medium, the image data and the specific information are recorded on different areas of the recording medium;

~~a step of~~ reproducing the image data and the specific information from the different areas the recording medium;

~~an embedding step of~~ embedding the specific information reproduced from

the recording medium into the image data reproduced ~~for~~ from the recording medium using a digital watermarking technique[[],] ;

~~wherein, when~~ if a first process is selected by a user, ~~the embedding step embeds the specific information into the image data, providing the specific information reproduced from the recording medium and the image data reproduced from the recording medium to an embedding unit which performs the embedding step; and~~

~~when~~ if a second process is selected by the user, ~~the embedding step avoids embedding the specific information into the image data avoiding providing the specific information reproduced from the recording medium and the image data from the recording medium to the embedding unit.~~

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, further comprising a decompressing step of decompressing the image data reproduced from the recording medium,

wherein the embedding step embeds the specific information into the image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

7. to 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A storage medium storing a program ~~for use~~ used in an image capture device, the program is capable of performing the steps of:

~~a step of~~ capturing an image;

~~an information generation step of generating specific information relating to~~
for image data of the captured image;

~~a step of recording the image data and the specific information on a~~
recording medium, the image data and the specific information are recorded on different
areas of the recording medium;

~~a step of reproducing the image data and the specific information from the~~
different areas of the recording medium;

~~an embedding step of embedding the specific information reproduced from~~
the recording medium into the image data reproduced from the recording medium using a
digital watermarking technique;

~~wherein, when if a first process is selected by a user, the embedding step~~
~~embeds the specific information into the image data, providing the specific information~~
reproduced from the recording medium and the image data reproduced from the recording
medium to an embedding unit which performs the embedding step; and

~~when if a second process is selected by the user, the embedding step avoids~~
~~embedding the specific information into the image data~~ avoiding providing the specific
information reproduced from the recording medium and the image data reproduced from
the recording medium to the embedding unit.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein
the program is capable of performing a decompressing step of decompressing the image
data reproduced from the recording medium,

wherein the embedding step embeds the specific information into the image data decompressed in the decompressing step.

11. to 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An image capture device according to claim 1, wherein the specific [[a]] information generation unit generates the specific information when the image is captured.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the specific information generation step generates the specific information when the image is captured.

15. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the specific information generation step generates the specific information when the image is captured.

16. (Currently Amended) An image capture device according to claim 1, further comprising an outputting unit adapted to output the image data to an external destination,

~~wherein, when~~ wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting unit outputs the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and

~~wherein, when~~ if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting unit outputs the image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, further comprising an outputting step of outputting the image data to an external destination,

~~wherein, when~~ wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting step outputs the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and

~~wherein, when~~ if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting step outputs the image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.

18. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 9, wherein the program is capable of performing an outputting step of outputting the image data to an external destination,

~~wherein, when~~ wherein if the first process is selected by a user, the outputting step outputs the image data including the specific information to the external destination, and

~~wherein, when~~ if the second process is selected by the user, the outputting step outputs the image data excluding the specific information to the external destination.

19. to 21. (Canceled)